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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED FOR TWO BANK ROBBERIES

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Davon James Hall, age 21, of Baltimore, to 63 months in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release and restitution for bank robbery.

According to the agreed statement of facts, on December 7, 2004, Hall robbed the Provident Bank, 11351 York Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland of \$2,662, leaving behind a demand note with the bank teller. A video camera captured the image of Hall. On December 8, 2004, Hall robbed the First Mariner Bank, 1738 York Road, Timonium, Maryland of \$1,160, retaining the demand note he had handed the teller.

Immediately prior to Hall's robbery of the First Mariner Bank, in an effort to divert Baltimore City police officers from responding to any 911 calls regarding the bank, a 911 call was made from a cellular phone in which the caller falsely claimed that there were men robbing the Extended Stay Hotel located in the vicinity of the bank.

On December 11, 2004 Hall was driving in Baltimore when officers pulled him over for a traffic violation. He fled on foot and was quickly apprehended. At the time of his arrest, Hall possessed a cellular phone.

On December 12, 2004 while Hall remained in custody, employees with the Day's Inn Inner Harbor went to the room Hall had occupied immediately before his arrest and, at Hall's request, gathered his belongings. The employees found \$1,700 in cash, a cell phone box and clothing that matched the image of clothing worn by Hall as captured on the Provident Bank video camera. The employees also discovered notes similar to the notes used by Hall. The employees contacted the Baltimore Police Department, which contacted the FBI. Shortly thereafter, FBI agents were able to determine that the cellular phone Hall possessed at the time of his arrest was the same phone that

had been used to call 911 on December 8, 2004.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Baltimore City Police Department for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein also praised Assistant United States Attorney Steve Levin, who prosecuted the case.